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Subject: RE: Media response needs your approval - Harrisburg Patriot regarding CD for Capital Region Water

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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You ok with these edits?

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Karen – I worked with Steve Maslowski and Pam Lazos on drafting this response. Let us know if you are okay with it. Thanks. – Roy

Reporter Wallace McKelvey, Harrisburg Patriot News (Pennlive.com)

Inquiry: I'm following up on this letter from last April in which you cited deficiencies in Harrisburg/CRW's response to sewer overflows and demanded additional remediation to reduce sewer discharges.

What has been done since then? What was CRW's response, if any? Have there been any sanctions handed down regarding this?

Also, I'd appreciate the most updated information you have on the amount of combined sewage being discharged per year or per month. According to this letter, in 2019 the CRW discharged 900 million gallons...

DRAFT EPA Response: The U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of EPA and ~~is working~~ with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has been working with CRW to address several issues that remain unresolved regarding the consent decree with Capital Region Water. DOJ, EPA and the PADEP continue to negotiate with CRW to take steps to reduce the sewer discharges. These discussions are enforcement confidential.

Regarding your question about any sanctions, on Nov. 6, 2019, EPA did issue a penalty to CRW for \$11,500 under the consent decree for sewer overflows. The payment was split between the federal government and PADEP. Pursuing the assessment of penalties for additional consent decree violations are under review.

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